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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent Application of

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Application No.: 10/581,343

Filing Date: June 2, 2006

Title: PARTICULATE WATER RETAINING
MATERIAL FOR CULTIVATING
PLANT HAVING WATER
ABSORBENT RESIN AS MAIN
COMPONENT

) MAIL STOP RCE

) Group Art Unit: 1796

) Examiner: Satya B. SASTRI

) Confirmation No.: 5041

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Applicants request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. ☐ a. Applicants request that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 1.c. below.
- ☐ b. Applicants previously submitted the following document for which continued examination is requested:
- ☐ i. Consider the amendment previously filed on _____.
- ☐ ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- ☐ iii. Other: _____
- ☒ c. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:
- ☒ i. Amendment/Reply ☒ iv. Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ☐ v. Other:
- ☐ iii. Information Disclosure Statement
2. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months. **Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required.**)

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3. ☒ **The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.** The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims previously paid for in this application prior to this submission.

					FEES
RCE Fee (1801)					\$ 810
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	
Total Claims	22	22	0	x 52 (1202)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	6	5	1	x 220 (1201)	\$ 220
Total Fee					\$ 1030
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					\$ - 0
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$ 1030


4. ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. **02-4800** for the fee due.
5. ☒ Charge \$ 1030 to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
6. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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